

William H. Ingham

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NOTABLE DEATHS

JOHN LEWIS GRIFFITHS was born in New York, October 7, 1855; he died at his residence in London, England, May 17, 1914. His parents were David G. and Elizabeth Griffiths, natives of Wales. When he was twelve years of age, the family removed to Iowa, where he completed his high school course in less than three years. He studied law at the State University of Iowa and received the degree of A.B. in 1874 and LL.B. in 1875. He was admitted to the bar and engaged in practice at Indianapolis, Indiana. He took part in every national and state convention of the Republican party after he had a vote, and was much in demand as a campaign orator. He was a member of the Indiana state legislature in 1887, reporter of the Indiana supreme court 1889-93, and at one time candidate for governor. In 1905 he was appointed consul-general to Liverpool by President Roosevelt, and in 1909 transferred by President Taft to London. Memorial services were held at St. Pauls, Knightsbridge, London, on May 22d, and final funeral services in New York, June 1st. Mr. Griffiths was an orator of ability, and at the time of his death was engaged in writing a life of Benjamin Harrison. An article by him on Legal Procedure in England, appeared in the *Annals of the American Academy* for March, 1914.

WILLIAM H. INGHAM was born at Ingham's Mills, New York, November 27, 1827; he died at the home of his son in Olympia, Washington, July 28, 1914. He was educated in the public schools until the age of ten, then attended a private school for two years, studying Greek and higher mathematics, and finally had several terms at Little Falls Academy. At the age of eighteen he began business with his brother and was engaged therein for several years. In 1851 he removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, surveying and locating lands, and was on a trip of this nature when he visited Kossuth county in 1854, and noting its possibilities, decided to locate there. As a pioneer hunter, land surveyor and settler he had many interesting adventures and encounters with the Indians. In 1854, after the Spirit Lake massacre, he formed a scouting party to explore the country for danger, and performed a similar service in 1862. When the troops were formed to protect the border, he was appointed captain of Company A, Northern Border Brigade, and with his company took quarters at Estherville and erected Fort Defiance. They were mustered out of service in December, 1863. In 1866 he removed from his farm to Algona where he thereafter resided. In 1870, in company with Lewis H. Smith, he began the

first banking enterprise in the county, and in 1873, when the bank was re-organized and incorporated as a state bank, he was made president and held the position until his death. Captain Ingham was always interested in the cause of education and was one of the promoters of the Algona College and the Northern Iowa Normal School. He was a close student and a mathematician of high ability. He was on a visit to the West when his death occurred. His remains were interred at Algona, August 3, 1914.

FREDERICK WELKER was born in Melle, Province of Hanover, Germany, April 19, 1834; he died at Muscatine, Iowa, July 14, 1914. At two years of age he emigrated with his parents to the United States. The family settled on a farm in St. Charles county, Missouri, where his boyhood was spent. In 1852 he removed to St. Louis and engaged in business. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as private in Company G, First Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and at President Lincoln's call for 300,000 volunteers, re-enlisted as First Lieutenant of the same company. In September, 1861, he was promoted to the Captaincy of Company H, First Regiment Light Artillery Missouri Volunteers, and soon thereafter to Major. He participated in a number of the most important engagements of the war and won renown at the battle of Shiloh, in the siege of Corinth and in the Atlantic campaign. On March 13, 1865, he was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel. At the close of the war he settled in Mount Vernon, Ohio, remaining there until 1871, when he removed to Muscatine, Iowa, where he was in business for sixteen years. From 1887 to 1899 he was in the commission business at San Francisco, from 1899 to 1902 resided in Vancouver, B. C., and from 1902 to 1908 in Montreal. In 1908 he retired from business and returned to Muscatine to spend his remaining days. For many years he was presiding officer of the Colonel Welker Veteran Association which embraced the surviving membership of the Old Muscatine Rifles. Under his command the organization attained national prominence, being one of the best drilled military bodies in the country.

MRS. BERNHARDINE (LORENZ) WACHSMUTH was born in Hanover, Germany, November 20, 1837; she died at Burlington, Iowa, January 19, 1914. She removed to America when a young girl and located in Burlington, where she was married on June 3, 1855, to Charles Wachsmuth, who was then engaged in the grocery business. The condition of his health making it necessary for him to be out of doors, Mr. Wachsmuth took up the study and collecting of fossils, and in this he was ably assisted by Mrs. Wachsmuth. They frequented the quarries, bluffs and creek beds around Burlington, and the collection soon grew to such proportions as to attract the at-

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